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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: POSSIBLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INITIATIVE

1. CANADIAN MISOFF APPROACHED POLCOUNS JUNE 30 DURING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE COPY OF A DRAFT WORKING PAPER DESIGNED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION THIS FALL ON QUESTION OF NAMIBIA. CANADIAN SAID THEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A "FRIENDLY DELEGATION" WHICH PREFERRED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

2. THIRD PARTY DEVELOPED THESIS THAT QUESTION OF NAMIBIA IS BOUND TO EMERGE DURING 32ND GA. THEY THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR DELEGATIONS SYMPATHETIC WITH FIVE-POWER NEGOTIATIONS EFFORT ON NAMIBIA TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN CONSIDERING KIND OF RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD POSE LEAST DAMAGE TO NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL DRAFT PRESENTED TO CANADIANS BY THIRD DELEGATION:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER, 1960,
CONTAINING THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO
COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES,

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NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED TO IT BY RESOLUTION 2248 (S-V) AND SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL RELATING TO NAMIBIA,

STRONGLY DEPLORING SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED REFUSAL TO COMPLY

WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS
CONTINUED ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA, AND ITS EFFORTS TO
UNDERMINE THE NATIONAL UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF
NAMIBIA,

NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH WALVIS BAY HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED AS AN
INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA SINCE 1922, SOUTH AFRICA HAS ANNOUNCED
ITS INTENTION TO SEPARATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF WALVIS BAY FROM
THAT OF THE REST OF NAMIBIA AND TREAT IT AS PART OF SOUTH AFRICA;

NOTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNION OF NAMIBIA AND WALVIS
BAY REFLECTS THE REALITY THAT THE TWO ARE IN FACT A SINGLE
GEOGRAPHICAL AND ECONOMIC ENTITY WITH COMMON HISTORICAL, SOCIAL
AND ETHNIC BONDS,

CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY AND POTENTIAL
FOR ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT OF NAMIBIA;

1. REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA
INCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF THE WALVIS BAY AREA TO SELF-DETERMINATION,
FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN A UNITED NAMIBIA;

2. STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA
TO SEPARATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF WALVIS BAY FROM THAT OF THE
REST OF NAMIBIA AND TREAT IT AS PART OF SOUTH AFRICA;

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3. CALLS UPON ALL STATES ACTIVELY TO DISCOURAGE SOUTH AFRICA
FROM PURSUING THIS COURSE OF ACTION;

4. DEMANDS THAT SOUTH AFRICA GRANT IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE
TO A UNIFIED NAMIBIA, INCLUDING WALVIS BAY.

END TEXT. UNQUOTE.

3. CANADIAN MISOFF SAID THEIR PRELIMINARY REACTION, PROVIDED
TO FRIENDLY DELEGATION BEFORE STUDYING THE ABOVE TEXT, WAS THAT
NEGOTIATIONS EFFORT OF WESTERN POWERS IS LIKELY TO CHANGE SITUA-
TION IN NAMIBIA BY TIME THE GA MET. IF A RESOLUTION MUST BE
CONSIDERED IN THE GA THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE WITHHELD UNTIL
THE END OF THE GA, AT THE VERY LEAST.

4. CANADIAN MISOFF SAID THEY WERE PASSING THIS TEXT WITH
THE KNOWLEDGE OF FRIENDLY DELEGATION, WHICH INDICATED IT
WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMAL COMMENTS WE MAY WISH TO PROVIDE
THROUGH THE CANADIANS. SUCH REACTIONS PRESUMABLY WOULD ASSIST
THEM IN DEALING WITH QUESTION OF A GA INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE SURPRISED THAT ANYONE, PARTICULARLY A

"FRIENDLY DELEGATION" IS THINKING ABOUT SUCH AN INITIATIVE IN THE GA. SINCE THIS THIRD PARTY MAY BE DISCUSSING SUCH A PRO-POSITION QUIETLY WITH UNKNOWN DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, WE THINK WE PROBABLY SHOULD PROVIDE AN INFORMAL REACTION, PRIMARILY TO INDICATE THAT SUCH THOUGHTS ARE COMPLETELY PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE AND EVEN CONTINGENCY TALKS OF SUCH AN INITIATIVE DURING THESE NEXT FEW MONTHS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE UNHELPFUL.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.
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